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SUBJ: SECURITY OFFICER POSITIONS, TEHRAN

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1. NORMAL WORK REQUIREMENTS AT THIS POST ARE SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY A MINIMUM OF TWO REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS.
2. A THIRD RSO IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A REQUIREMENT ALTHOUGH, AT THE PRESENT TIME, ALL THREE RSO'S ARE BEING FULLY UTILIZED. THE THIRD RSO SLOT HAS BEEN USEFUL IN ENABLING RSO OFFICE TO COPE WITH INCREASING WORKLOAD RESULTING FROM SY COORDINATION WITH THE VAST AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY HERE. THIS PROGRAM OF SY COORDINATION WITH ABC IS STILL IN THE EXPANSION STAGE AND MANY OF THE PROJECTS OF MUTUAL COORDINATION ARE STILL IN THE FORMULATIVE STAGE. REDUCTION OF CURRENT RSO STAFF TO TWO RSO'S MIGHT RESULT IN CURTAILMENT OR SLOWER DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROGRAM.

3. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, RSO THOMAS' LISTED TOUR IS FOR TWO YEARS (8/77-8/79). ASSUME REFERENCE TO END OF TOUR IN 5/78
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WAS WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED PLANS TO CURTAIL RSO SARTAIN'S TOUR (4/77 TO 4/79) TO REFLECT A DIRECT TRANSFER TO ADDIS ABABA ON OR ABOUT 5/78.

4. IN SUMMATION, TWO RSO SLOTS HERE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE REQUIRED. THE THIRD SLOT IS CONSIDERED TO BE USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE BUT NOT VITAL. THE TWO JUNIOR RSO SLOTS PROVIDE

EXCELLENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW RSO'S IN VIEW OF
THE VARIETY AND COMPLEXITY OF PROBLEMS AND PROJECTS AT THIS
POST. IF THIS POST RETAINS THE THIRD RSO SLOT, WHICH IT
WOULD PREFER AT PRESENT TIME, BEST UTILIZATION OF THIS SLOT
WOULD PROBABLY BE TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE IT FOR WHAT IT IS--
A TRAINING SLOT WITH THE INCUMBENT SCHEDULED FOR A ONE-YEAR
TOUR WITH REPLACEMENT AT THAT TIME.

5. THIS REPLY REFLECTS AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE.
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